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## Crime Numbers within the City As in County, Continue Decline

by James Giese

The number of crimes committed in Greenbelt during the calendar year 2013 were 16 percent fewer than for the previous year and 32 percent less than in 2009. The drop reflected what is happening throughout much of the country and within the State of Maryland. The crime rate decreased 14 percent in Prince George's County in 2013, as County Executive Rushern Baker announced early this year. (See box on page 8 for Police Chief James Craze's comments on the crime rate drop.)

When jurisdictions report crime data, they use a standard method of classification. This data thus refers to class I offenses, the more serious crimes. These include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assaults, breaking and entering, larceny and motor vehicle theft.

In all but two of these crime categories, the number of crimes committed has dropped from those of the previous year. For the third year in a row no mur-

ders were committed in Greenbelt and the number at 35 of aggravated assaults has held steady for the three years. In 2013, reported rapes declined by 17 percent (from 6 to 5), robberies by 4 percent (from 68 to 65), breaking and enterings by 22 percent (from 247 to 192), larcenies by 16 percent (from 648 to 544) and motor vehicle thefts by 18 percent (from 130 to 107).

As compared to crimes committed in 2009, the earliest year detailed in the police report, significant decreases also were reported, except in one category – the number of murders committed. None were reported in either year (although three murders had been reported in 2010).

In all other crime categories, the decreases in the numbers of crimes in 2013 as opposed to 2009 were: rape, 38 percent; robberies, 49 percent; aggravated assaults, 40 percent; breaking and enterings, 9 percent; larcenies, 22 percent; and motor vehicle thefts, 36 percent.

### Where Crime Occurs

Although significantly down from prior years, the police sector composed of the Franklin Park apartments continued to report the greatest number of crimes (357 or 38 percent of all city crimes in 2013). Greenbelt East reported 31 percent of all city crimes, including the greatest number of larcenies of any sector, including shoplifting, which generally occurs in commercial districts. Greenbelt Center reported 19 percent of such crimes, Beltway Plaza, 13 percent and Greenbelt Metro Station and the future Greenbelt Station development, 1 percent.

Of greatest concern to many are class I crimes committed against persons: murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault. In this respect, the Franklin Park sector reported 52 percent of the 105 such crimes reported in 2013; Greenbelt East, 23 percent; Beltway Plaza, 15 percent;

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## Five Greenbelt Doctors Named Top Doctors by Washingtonian

by Jaclyn Turner

Five Greenbelt practitioners were named Top Doctors of 2014 in Washingtonian Magazine's annual list of physicians in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, including Maryland and Virginia.

Washingtonian sent out 6,400 questionnaires to randomly selected physicians asking which doctor they would send their family members to and received 1,300 replies.

Dr. David S. Granite (family medicine), Dr. Peter M. Schissler (geriatric medicine), Dr. Stephanie Trifoglio (internal medicine), Dr. Angela Lotsikas (dermatology and cosmetic surgery) and Dr. Ronald Katz (dermatology) all were recognized for their work as doctors.

### Dr. David S. Granite

Dr. David Granite, 67, a long-time resident of the city, has served Greenbelt since 1975 at 115 Centerway. He received his M.D. from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in 1972, then moved to Greenbelt after being offered a position at Physicians Family Practice.

"My older sister had glaucoma since she was an infant, and I had always wanted to help her," Granite said of his decision to pursue a career in medicine. "And when I got into medical school, I really liked what I did."

Granite focuses on giving his

patients a comfortable experience. "I try to make sure to follow up with them and give them the best personal service that I can," he said.

"My family practice is how I give back to the community. A lot of Greenbelt residents are my clients," Granite said.

Granite tries to stay involved with the community by participating in the Annual Labor Day Festival and being an active member of Mishkan Torah Synagogue.

Outside his practice, Granite is interested in the Civil War and classical music. He also collects comic books.

Despite the "unexpected honor," he says, of being named a "Top Doc," Granite still cites his children Stephen, 38, and Guinevere, 30, as his proudest accomplishments.

### Dr. Peter M. Schissler

Dr. Peter Schissler, 62, has been practicing medicine since 1981 at Maryland Geriatric Medicine at 7500 Greenway Center Drive, Suite 430.

This is not Schissler's first time receiving this honor. In fact, other physicians in the region have named Schissler a Washingtonian "Top Doctor" every year but two since he began practicing in the area.

"I was very active in teaching early in my career," he says, "so

I had a lot of contact with people. Doctors who train at a university have a higher rate of getting on the list," Schissler said.

Schissler attended NYU School of Medicine to receive his M.D. He was board-certified in internal medicine in 1980 following his residency at the George Washington University Hospital.

"Medicine gives me the ultimate satisfaction in making somebody feel better," said Schissler.

My mom had Hodgkin's Lymphoma (a type of cancer), and she died when I was 15, so that was most likely the driving factor to why I became a doctor," he explained.

Although Schissler lives in Bethesda, he used to live in College Park. He chose to practice in Greenbelt because he saw a shortage of doctors and health services in the area. "There was plenty of opportunity for people looking to receive good care," Schissler said.

Schissler tries to help his clients in any way possible. For example, he will not accept credit cards. "If they have a credit card, they can just put a figure up to their credit limit to pay," Schissler said. "My joy is not putting anyone out. If they can't afford the whole bill, I'll waive the balance."

See TOP DOCS, page 6

## Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month. In observance, the News Review will run articles about Greenbelt women of significant accomplishments whose stories are not well known here.

The series is being coordinated by David Lange.

## Anne Gardner Contributes Many Talents to Greenbelt

by Jim Link



Anne Gardner

GMS PTAs, she is now vice president of the ERHS Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA). Gardner and her friend Amy Hansen started the GMS PTA several years ago and decided to stick together as their children transitioned into ERHS. Hansen is the president.

Together they have "increased attendance at PTSAs meetings and set up a web page with daughter Elizabeth's help," says Gardner.

### Art Education

Gardner is art education officer for the Greenbelt Recreation Department, coordinating after-school workshops in visual and performing arts, mostly at GES, but also at Magnolia Elementary and Springhill Lake Elementary schools. Recently she and her husband Jon put on a benefit concert at Greenbelt Community Church to raise scholarship money for needy students at Springhill Lake Elementary. With Anne on fiddle and Jon on guitar, they call themselves Transatlantic Crossing. Gardner's duties with the Recreation Department also involve coordinating workshops for school and scout groups that come to the Community Center.

In addition, Gardner teaches music to pre-school children in the Greenbelt Community Center.

See GARDNER, page 7

## What Goes On

### Monday, March 24

8 p.m., Council Meeting/ACE Educator Awards/FY 2015 Budget Presentation, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71, and streaming at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipality](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipality)

### Tuesday, March 25

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and the Green Team Meeting, Community Center.

### Wednesday, March 26

7 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center.

### Thursday, March 27

7 p.m., Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center.

8 p.m., Council Worksession, Budget, Revenues, Overviews & General Government, Community Center.

### Friday, March 28

7 p.m., Forest Preserve Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center.

7:30 p.m., GHI Board of Directors Meeting, GHI Administration Building, Hamilton Place.

# Letters

## Grateful

Special thanks to the Greenbelt Public Works for all its hard work in plowing our streets and shoveling walks. We are very appreciative. Thanks also to our neighbors who parked in driveways to keep the streets clear for plows.

*Li'l Dan Celdran  
and Big Dan Taylor*

## Wind Electricity Green Team Table at GCC

The Green Team of Greenbelt Community Church will host a public information table in the downstairs social hall on Sunday, March 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. after the 10:15 a.m. worship service. Members of the team will help people take the initial, non-binding step to sign up at a group rate for wind electricity through nonprofit Groundswell. Karen Leu from Interfaith Power and Light, which partners with Groundswell, will help. One can also sign up for wind electricity by visiting Groundswell's website at <http://www.groundswell.org/programs/for-homes>.

Other ideas will be exchanged, mostly based on the Lenten Carbon Fast. For further information contact Jane Young at [gccjane@aol.com](mailto:gccjane@aol.com) or 301-507-6765.

## Corrections

In the February 20 article profiling Al Freeman, one of his sisters was incorrectly identified as a nursing student. She is currently a licensed registered nurse in Washington, D.C.



## Babe Ruth Baseball Signups

Players age 13-15 call Mark @ 301 755-3315  
Email: [mark.markowich@t-mobile.com](mailto:mark.markowich@t-mobile.com)

Players age 16-18 call Bob @ 301 345-1033  
Email: [bbsoneveldt@verizon.net](mailto:bbsoneveldt@verizon.net)

## NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, March 27, 2014

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

#### Key Agenda Items:

- Request for a Contribution to Sponsor a Documentary Film About Food Coops
- Review Proposed Annual Meeting Agenda
- Review Responses to Questions from the Membership Town Hall Meeting
- Review Revised Agreement for Phase 3 Pilot Heating/Cooling Systems
- Committee Responsibility for Making Recommendations to the Board re: Common Green Space (Non-Woodlands Areas)
- Recommendation from Finance Committee Re: Changes to Capitalization Policy
- Contract for Replacement of Air Conditioning Units for Larger Townhomes, 1st Reading
- Contract for Replacement of the Roof of Unit at 133 Greenhill, 2nd Reading

Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
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To request a sign language interpreter for this meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, or go to the GHI Office (One Hamilton Place) or contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

## Foundation Seeks Grant Proposals

As part of its 2014 spring grant cycle, the Greenbelt Community Foundation is seeking grant applications from local organizations, nonprofits and co-operatives looking for help in funding projects that enhance life in Greenbelt. April 15 is the deadline for applications.

The foundation calls for proposals twice a year, in the spring and again in the fall. Grant amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 are given to local organizations for projects directed to the arts, youth activities, cultural events, charitable organizations, the environment and community organizations.

The Greenbelt Community Foundation's mission is to maintain, improve and enrich the quality of life in Greenbelt by promoting cooperative endeavors and projects that celebrate, respect and build upon the historic legacy and ideals of the original Greenbelt plan.

Information about the Greenbelt Community Foundation, as well as materials related to submitting an application for funding, can be found at the foundation's website: <http://www.greenbeltfoundation.net>. Completed forms should be sent to the Greenbelt Community Foundation at P.O. Box

## First Greenbelt Mini Maker Faire, April 5

The first annual Greenbelt Mini Maker Faire is scheduled for Saturday, April 5 on the plaza at Roosevelt Center in Old Greenbelt. The Call for Makers, Performers and Crafters will be open now through April 1.

Any individuals, children or adults or groups or businesses interested in participating in this inaugural event are invited to complete a simple application at <http://makerfairegreenbelt.com> by the end of March. There is no cost to participate or to attend. Members of the public can get tickets for door prizes at <http://makerfairegreenbelt.com/get-tickets/>.

Hosted by Club125, the Greenbelt Makerspace, the Greenbelt Mini Maker Faire is a family-friendly celebration featuring educational exhibits and hands-on activities in culinary arts, music and entertainment, microelectronics, and robotics, as well as general science, arts and crafts. Early submissions include demonstrations of vertical gardening, the science of felting, local works of art and an exciting exhibit of STEM education by a group from Northrop Grumman Undersea Systems.

Follow the development of the Greenbelt Mini Maker Faire on Twitter @GBMakerFaire, as well as on the website at <http://makerfairegreenbelt.com/> and at the MakerFaireGreenbelt fan page on Facebook.

Send us a letter to share with your neighbors about your observations, concerns, gripes and accolades regarding local issues.

Letters must contain your name, address and phone number.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

### WEEK OF MAR 21

Philomena  
(PG-13)

**FRIDAY**  
\*5:30, 7:30

### SATURDAY - SUNDAY

\*3:30, \*5:30, 7:30

### MONDAY - THURSDAY

\*5:30, 7:30

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## Grin Belt



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pot of crocuses!"

## On Screen

### Philomena Returns

Philomena returns for a week (Friday, March 21 to Thursday, March 27) to the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Judi Dench is the title character, searching for the illegitimate son she was forced to give up years earlier by the Irish Catholic nuns who took her in as an indentured servant. She teams with journalist Martin Sixsmith, played by acerbic English comedian Steve Coogan, and eventually they find out about the now adult Anthony. Stephen Holden calls this movie "a comedic road movie, a detective story, an infuriated anti-clerical screed and an inquiry into faith and the limitations of reason."

Director – Stephen Frears; Rating – PG-13; Running Time – 94 minutes.

The Grand Budapest Hotel starts Friday, March 28.

– Jim Link

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# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for March 24 through 28 are as follows:

Monday – Grape juice, baked ham with sweet and sour sauce, fried rice, ginger carrots, Mandarin oranges and pineapple.

Tuesday – Orange juice, barbecue chicken thigh, baked beans, collard greens, tropical fruit.

Wednesday – Orange juice, baked potato, beef chili and cheese, mixed green salad, fresh fruit.

Thursday – Apple juice, cream of tomato soup, grilled cheese, mixed green salad, fresh fruit.

Friday – Orange juice, stuffed shells with marinara sauce, Italian vegetables, apple crisp.

## At the Library

Thursday, March 27, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Storytime, for ages 2 to 5 years. A librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents that support early literacy by mixing stories with other fun activities including songs, rhymes and finger play. Stop by the Information Desk to pick up free tickets.

For more information visit the Greenbelt Branch Library, call 301-345-5800 or go to [www.pgcmls.info](http://www.pgcmls.info) to review accounts, renew materials or for other library services. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

## Synagogue Holds Blood Drive Sunday

The Social Action Committee of Mishkan Torah Synagogue will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive at the synagogue on Sunday, March 30 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Prospective donors may call 1-800-733-2767 or go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to sign up. Although appointments are recommended, donors may come to the synagogue at any time during the blood drive. Mishkan Torah is at 10 Ridge Road.

Donors for all types are urgently needed.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

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## GHI Notes

Monday, March 24, 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Wednesday, March 26, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session) – Board Room

Friday, March 28, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## Upcoming Events At the New Deal Café

Friday, March 21 begins with John Guernsey on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by the Hillbilly Gypsies bringing their "Old Timey" West Virginia bluegrass, natural comedic wit and high lonesome mountain vocal harmonies from 8 to 11 p.m. A must see! Saturday, March 22 starts with a Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer from 1 to 5 p.m. Bring on your jazz groove and join in this community jam session! Guernsey plays jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The multiple Wammie winner Billy Coulter and his band take the stage from 8 to 11 p.m. for a night of inspired, organic and original music that blurs the line between Roots Rock and Power Pop.

Join the weekly Deaf Brunch on Sunday, March 23 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The evening features The Nighthawks with a blend of blues, R&B, honky-tonk country and rockabilly from 5 to 8 p.m. Reservations are recommended.

On Wednesday, March 26 a free Cajun Jam will be held at the Café from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for dancers, musicians and listeners. Socializing will begin at 6 p.m. For more information visit [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com).

## Co-op Hosts Wine Tasting, Food Demo

Come to the Co-op this Friday for a wine tasting from 4 to 7 p.m. There will also be another wine tasting on Wednesday, March 26, 5 to 7 p.m. Save \$1 on wines offered for tasting.

The monthly Seasonal & Savory Food Demo will feature samples of a No Rice Cauliflower Risotto and a Mushroom Cutlet on March 26 from 5 to 7 p.m.

March 26 is also Patron Appreciation Day when shoppers save five percent on purchases.

Sign up for Co-op's e-newsletter at [www.greenbelt.coop](http://www.greenbelt.coop).

## Star Party Planned At Northway Fields

Weather permitting, on Saturday, March 22 the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will sponsor a star party at the City of Greenbelt Observatory at Northway field. Several members will augment the observatory telescope with personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all. Observing will begin as soon as it is dark enough, probably around 8 p.m.

Come and enjoy a view of Jupiter, with its four Galilean satellites, through the 14" Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. Another popular observing target is the Orion nebula. Several nice star clusters may also be seen. Society members will be available to answer questions and provide advice to beginners.

The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. All are welcome; admission is free.

## Exploring Peripheral Arterial Disease

The Explorations Unlimited meeting on Friday, March 28 will feature a presentation by Dr. Rakesh Wahi, from the Center For Vascular Medicine. Wahi will give an overview of peripheral arterial disease covering diagnosis and treatment. Afterward listeners will be able to identify symptoms that may help their doctors reach an early diagnosis and get prompt relief.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday at 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Wahi's presentation will be held in room 114. Everyone is welcome and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

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Look! It's the Greenbelt Elementary School SPRING FAIR!

Saturday, March 22, 10a - 1p

Join us for games, crafts, community groups, yard sale, Scholastic Book Sale, plus food and drinks for sale!

Elementary School Cafeteria, 66 Ridge Road



# Obituaries

## Patricia K. Austin

Patricia ("Pat") Kling Austin of Beltsville died March 6, 2014, at the age of 79. She was a pioneer Greenbelter, the eldest child of original A-block residents Dunbar and Gilda Kling. She attended the local Greenbelt schools and was a member of Northwestern High School's graduating class of 1952.

Mrs. Austin is survived by her daughter Donna Parrish and son Michael Austin; granddaughter Dawn Marie and grandson Christopher; and great-grandchildren Cooper and Reagan. She is also survived by her sister Joyce Weiss of Fort Myers, Fla. She was predeceased by her sister Carol Kling, brother Larry Kling and ex-husband Edward Austin.

In accordance with her wishes, there were no funeral services. The family will remember her kindness and unique spirit with love.

## Elizabeth (Betty) Deitch

Longtime resident Elizabeth Marie Kennedy Deitch, 93, died on March 14, 2014. Born in 1920 and educated in Washington, D.C., she married Thomas Deitch in the early 40s. After Mr. Deitch died in 1972, Mrs. Deitch moved to Greenbelt, buying a home in the 51 Court of Ridge Road. She worked for the U.S. Department of State, eventually serving overseas for six years. When she returned to Greenbelt, Mrs. Deitch bought a home in the 3 Court of Crescent Road.

After retiring, she became involved with Greenbelt Homes, serving on the board of directors.

Mrs. Deitch was a member of the Golden Age Club and enjoyed traveling with the seniors. "Betty," as she was known to her friends, enjoyed working on her cross-stitch projects, many of which decorated her home.

She is survived by her daughters Marie Catherine Boylan, Stephanie Therese Land (Mark) and Kristin L. Foran; 10 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Friends may call at Gasch's Funeral Home in Hyattsville on Thursday, March 20 from 4 to 8 p.m. A service will be held in the same location on Friday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her name to Hospice of the Chesapeake, 817 South Camp Mead Road, Linthicum, MD 21090.

## Mary Josephine Hall

Mary Josephine Hall, 80, a longtime resident of Sherwood Forest, Md., died on March 4, 2014, in Millersville, Md., of complications from Alzheimer's Disease. She had fought the disease for more than a decade.

Mrs. Hall was born on Oct. 10, 1933, at the old Sibley Hospital in Washington, D.C., and was the daughter of the late Clara Marie Glasgow and Charles Milton Henneberger Jr. Her family was one of the first to live in Greenbelt. In 1941, they moved to Anacostia, and she graduated from Anacostia High School in 1951. That same year, her family moved to Langley Park and she attended the University of Maryland. She was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi and a varsity cheerleader for the Terps football and basketball teams.

It was at UM that she met her husband, Blair "Buzz" Hall, whom she married in 1954. The family lived in Silver Spring until 1960, when they moved to Sherwood Forest, Maryland. She accompanied her family to various posts where her husband, an analyst with the National Security Agency, was stationed – includ-

ing Alabama, Japan, Taiwan and England. While living in Japan, she studied pottery, sumi-e and ikebana with Japanese masters. She also taught English at the Seioku Gakuen school for girls in Tokyo. When living in the States, she worked as a floral designer for Woodward & Lothrop and for local restaurants in the Annapolis area. She was also a docent for the William Paca House in Annapolis. She was an avid tennis player for more than 50 years, and a longtime runner and racer for more than 30 years.

Mrs. Hall is survived by her husband of almost 60 years, and five children: Blair Jr. (Valerie), Singapore; Kevin (Rosanne), Crownsville, Md.; Alison (R'al), Chester, Md.; Lesley, Arlington, Va.; and Todd (Elaina), Kailua, Hawaii; as well as six grandchildren. Her brother, George Henneberger, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held at the Sherwood Forest Clubhouse on May 3.

Contributions in her memory may be made to The Alzheimer's Association.

*This obituary was first published in the Annapolis Capital.*



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDVAR

The leprechaun's toes barely clear the 7 inch snowfall on St. Patrick's Day.

## Art Gallery Concert Features Poulenc Trio

The National Gallery of Art's monthly free concert will take place on Sunday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Building, West Garden Court. The Poulenc Trio program will consist of music for oboe, bassoon and piano by Laura Kaminsky and other composers. This concert is presented in honor of Women's History Month.

## Refuge Offers Bird Walk

On Wednesday, March 26 from 8 to 10:30 a.m., the Patuxent Wildlife Visitor Center offers a bird walk for children ages 16 and up. Search for early spring migrants in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended. For more information visit [www.patuxent.fws.gov](http://www.patuxent.fws.gov).

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**Pastor:** Rev. Walter J. Tappe

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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

**Worship Service 10 a.m.**



## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org](http://www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org)

Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.

Clara Young, Interim Pastor

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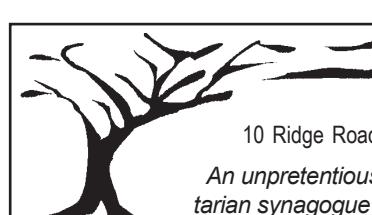
6301 Greenbelt Road

Berwyn Heights, MD 20740



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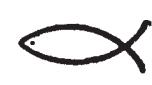
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March 23, 10 a.m.

Seneca Falls, Selma, Stonewall:

Claiming Our Social Justice Story

Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg with Bettie Young, Worship Associate,  
Dayna Edwards, Director of Religious Exploration,  
and the Choir.

President Obama's Second Inaugural Address memorably  
connected "Seneca Falls, Selma and Stonewall."

We will explore how the connections between those social  
justice stories can inspire and inform our present  
and future UU work for social justice.



Our sympathy to the family and friends of longtime Greenbelter Elizabeth "Betty" Deitch, who died March 14, 2014, at the age of 93.

We were sorry to hear of the death on March 13, 2014, of tennis champion Leonard Modzelewski, 72, of Ellicott City, a retired physical education teacher in the Prince George's County schools. In his younger days he often practiced on our Greenbelt tennis courts.

Condolences to former News Review staffer Cindy Henneberger on the death of her aunt, Mary K. Hall of Sherwood Forest, on March 4, 2014. Cindy's late father Charles Henneberger, Jr. and his sister (later Mrs. Hall) lived in Greenbelt briefly as the children of original 1938 residents Charles, Sr. and Clare Henneberger.

Congratulations to the Eleanor Roosevelt girls' basketball team, the Lady Raiders, who won the Maryland 4-A state title on March 15, beating North Point of Waldorf by a score of 64 to 30.

Happy 90th Birthday to Dorothy Baluch. Friends will join in a celebration of Dorothy at the Community Center on Saturday, March 29 (see ad on page 9).

Hats off to Chief Warrant Officer Nathan P. Jones, son of John Henry and Elaine Jones of 14 Court Ridge Road, who was recently promoted to Chief Warrant Officer Four in the United States Army Judge Advocate General Corps. Jones enlisted in the U.S. Army after his graduation from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 1993 and was commissioned as a Warrant Officer in 2003.

He is currently deployed to Afghanistan as the Legal Operations Officer and Deputy Executive Officer for the Legal Advisor to the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command, Kabul, Afghanistan. Upon his redeployment, he will serve in the Personnel, Plans and Training Office, Office of the Judge Advocate General, the Pentagon.

Jones is married to an active duty army officer/lawyer and has two sons, one a freshman at the University of Maryland College Park, majoring in aerospace engineering, and one who is 20 months old, majoring in reading, eating and sleepless nights.

Kudos to Navy Seaman Recruit Ashanti S. Pendleton, son of Lawann S. Pendleton of Greenbelt and stepson of Blanca Zelaya of Beltsville, who recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Pendleton is a 2013 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Get well soon to Diane Ronchi of Greentree Place, who is at Cherry Lane Nursing Center, 9001 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD 20708, recovering from a bad fall. She will be there for a few more weeks and would like to hear from her friends.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for "Our Neighbors," email us at news-review@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

- Kathleen McFarland



# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 24, 2014 - 8:00 p.m.  
Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

- ACE Educator Awards
- Proposed FY 2015 City Budget

**Petitions and Requests** (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

#### Minutes of Council Meetings

- Regular Meeting, February 10, 2014
- Regular Meeting, February 24, 2014
- Regular Meeting, March 10, 2014

#### Administrative Reports

##### Committee Reports

- Public Safety Advisory Board, Report #2014-2 (Playground Surfacing Recommendations)

### LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Replacement Windows at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center with General Glass Corporation of Beltsville, Maryland at a Cost of Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars (\$18,687) - 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Establish a Special Tax Increment Financing District for Greenbelt Station South Core - 1st Reading

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Proposal for Outdoor Movies at Roosevelt Center
- Award of Purchase – Lawn Mowing and Landscaping Services
- State Legislation
- Council Reports
- \*- Reappointment to Advisory Group

### MEETINGS

**NOTE:** This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltdmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

### Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution

At its regular meeting on February 24, 2014, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until April 5, 2014, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City's Web site at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov). Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. It will become effective on April 25, 2014, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. As also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution.

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2014-1

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, "Corporation-Municipal," Subtitle "Home Rule" to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or In Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Services Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Amending Section 8, Titled "Same-Quorum, Procedure" (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2014-1)

**Purpose:** To amend the City Charter to allow a member of Council to abstain from voting so long as such member gives a reason for abstaining and such reason falls within one of the following:

1. When to vote would or could be considered improper pursuant to the City and State Ethics Laws.
2. When to vote could or may show bias for or against a person, organization or business that the member has a close personal relationship with thus reflecting poorly on the member and the office such member holds.
3. When for any other reason a member is not comfortable voting and has given the Chair a reason for requesting to abstain so long as excused by the Chair or Council by vote.

For additional information, contact Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or [cmurray@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltdmd.gov).

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## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

March 24-28

Monday, March 24 at 8pm, **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING/ACE EDUCATOR AWARDS/FY2015 BUDGET PRESENTATION** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv)

Tuesday, March 25 at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND THE GREEN TEAM MEETING** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, March 26 at 7pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD MEETING** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road in Room 114. On the Agenda: East Coast Greenway signage proposal.

Wednesday, March 26 at 7pm, **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING** at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, March 26 at 8pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION-Revenues-Overviews & General Government** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Thursday, March 27 at 7pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road in Room 114. On the Agenda: Continued discussion of motion on proposed report on clarification and affirmation of other FPAB positions on the Community gardens; Discussion of additional evaluation/report on FP health; Area D – Discussion of possible trail maintenance/improvement; and Greenbriar Park (Greenbelt East) discussion re. stream condition

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*

## THE DEADLINE TO GET COVERED UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IS MARCH 31, 2014

The following are upcoming Saturday events where you can get assistance in signing up

March 22 & 29 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Prince George's County Department of Social Services, 425 Brightseat Road, Landover, MD 20785

March 22 & 29 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
4235 28th Avenue, Temple Hills, MD 20748

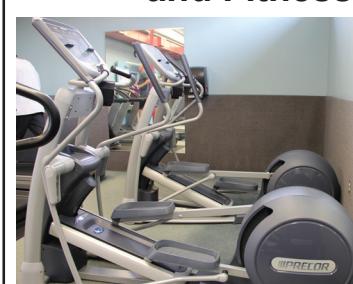
In addition, there are numerous sites where you may get assistance during the week. Please visit <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/Health/Resources/Pages/Affordable-Health-Insurance.aspx> or call 1-855-642-8572

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee

For information call 301-474-8000.

## Have you been to the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center lately?



Come check us out, we have new fitness equipment to help you stay fit and healthy. Some of the new equipment includes: Cybex Treadmills, PRECOR Elliptical Trainers, Octane Lateral X Elliptical Trainers and Concept 2 Rowing Machines. We have the same low membership prices as last year. Check us out and get in shape!

Find a new friend! Visit the Greenbelt Animal Shelter, 550-A Crescent Road Wednesdays from 4-7pm and Saturdays from 9am-noon.  
301-474-6124

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Listening to patients' ailments and making sure to address each issue is one of the reasons he feels patients keep coming back.

Schissler takes great pride in being a family man. After work he likes to spend time with his family. He described his home as having a "lot of laughter and warmth."

Schissler raised two children and adopted two more, now ages 13 and 15, with his second wife, after losing his first wife to cancer.

### Dr. Stephanie Trifoglio

Dr. Stephanie Trifoglio (pronounced Tri-fol-io), 55, works in the same office as Schissler. She received her M.D. degree from the Autonomous University of Guadalajara, Mexico.

Trifoglio has practiced in Greenbelt for 25 years and lectures several times a year to the Greenbelt Golden Agers.

This is Trifoglio's first time being named a "Top Doc," but Aging Well Magazine named her as one of five Noteworthy Geriatricians nationwide in 2013.

Trifoglio likes to think she gives her patients the best care possible.

"I take care of one patient at a time," she says. "I like to think that I ease suffering. I'm an internist. I specialize in a lot of end-of-life care. Sometimes I am able to make a big diagnosis and make their life better," she added.

To benefit her patients, Trifoglio does her best to stay up-to-date on the most advanced medical practices. She completed her Board Recertification for the third time in Geriatrics and has also been recertified twice in internal

medicine. Board Recertification requires a series of take-home exams that require 10-15 hours each of study, practice surveys and an all-day certified secure exam.

Trifoglio has been married for 34 years and has two sons. In her free time she takes piano lessons from a Greenbelt resident. Although Trifoglio lives in Bowie, her son attended Eleanor Roosevelt High School, which kept her involved in the community.

"I would like to think that I'm a caring, contributing part of the community," Trifoglio said.

### Dr. Angela Lotsikas

Dr. Angela Lotsikas, 39, practices at Dermatology and Cosmetic Surgery Associates at 7701 Greenbelt Road, Suite 504 in Greenbelt once a week. She spends the remainder of her time at the Chevy Chase office.

A native Washingtonian, Lotsikas studied at Georgetown University School of Medicine and completed her dermatology residency at Georgetown, where she had extensive laser-therapy training. She is also board-certified.

"I've always loved science and art," Lotsikas said, "which is why I like dermatology. It's a combination of those two. I also get to follow my passion for healing and helping others."

Lotsikas lists as one of her proudest accomplishments having patients who have been with her for many years. "I have a strong personal relationship with my patients," she said. "It's more than being in and out quickly. I am concerned about their skin and dermatological issues from sun

safety to avoiding skin cancer."

Lotsikas loves her job, helping others and her family. She expects a third child in the next few days and plans to be out on maternity leave until June. She also enjoys traveling, especially to Greece, where she has family.

### Dr. Ronald Katz

Dr. Ronald Katz, 71, joined Dermatology and Cosmetic Surgery Associates in 2011 after being a solo-practitioner for over 40 years, moving from a Greenbelt Road office in Berwyn Heights. He has been named a "Top Doc" for the past 20 years.

Now semi-retired, he is in the office three days a week. He focuses solely on medical issues and no longer does any cosmetology work.

"I became a dermatologist because when I was 5 or 6, I had really bad eczema. I had a lot of positive experiences with my doctors at the time," Katz said. "As I grew older and became interested in medicine, it was something I wanted to do."

Katz received his M.D. from the University of Maryland School of Medicine and received his training in dermatology at Yale.

"I've seen multiple generations of families in my exam room," Katz says. "I try to treat each person as an individual. I take an interest in their personal life, not just their medical history."

Katz has been a runner since the 1970s, running six marathons and completing hundreds of races. He is also an avid photographer and collector of first edition books.

*Jaclyn Turner is a journalism student at the University of Maryland*

## Who Says Hoo? Owls Do!

On Saturday, March 29 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., kids ages 8 to 12 can learn about this mysterious nocturnal predator. We will learn owl calls, explore their habitats and even dissect owl pellets. It will be a hoot! The event will be held at the National

Wildlife Visitors Center.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free, although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887.

For more information, visit the website at [www.patuxentfws.gov](http://www.patuxentfws.gov).

## Greenbelt Adult Day Care Center

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## Register on April 21 For GED Classes

Greenbelt CARES will hold its spring 10-week GED course starting Monday, April 21 and continuing through Wednesday, June 25. Registration for the course will be on Monday, April 21 from noon to 3 p.m. Students should be prepared to stay the entire time and bring pencil, pen and paper.

This is a combined class, combining GED I skills for students who need review of basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems) and English grammar skills and GED II skills for students who are ready to learn algebra and geometry, English literature and writing skills. All students will learn computer skills since the GED 2014 test is now taken on-line.

Students are required to show proof of residency (i.e., current lease, phone or electric bill, driver's license or motor vehicle identification card).

There is no charge for Greenbelt residents. Nonresidents must pay a \$175 registration fee. All students are required to buy a copy of the GED textbook and a calculator that can be purchased from Greenbelt CARES.

Students do not have to be 16 years old to take the GED course.

Questions and enrollment information regarding either GED I or GED II should be directed to Judy Hering, course instructor, at Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 or email [jhering@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:jhering@greenbeltdmd.gov).

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The 2 to 3 year olds "love to jump up and down and bang on drums," says Gardner, radically shortchanging her teaching skills. She also sponsors Kids' Open Mic performances at the New Deal Café at 1:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month. "They get a chance to express themselves," she says.

### Art Exchange

Another hat Gardner wears is that of administrative assistant of the College Park Arts Exchange, run by her friend Melissa Sites. "I maintain the web page, proof-read brochures [and] monitor the Facebook page," she says . . . not to mention a host of tasks she undertakes for this newspaper.

Having grown up in northern England, Gardner studied Spanish and Russian at the University of Sheffield, where she graduated in 1991. She discovered a taste for languages and morphed into a fierce autodidact. "I dabbled in foreign languages – Portuguese, Polish, a smidgen of Italian, even 'American' (joke)."

"You are fluent in all of these?" I asked. "I was, but not anymore," she said.

Much earlier Gardner discovered a knack for teaching herself musical instruments. "Piano, fiddle, whistle, viola, cello, accordion . . ." The list comes trippingly off her tongue. "I'm lucky to be able to pick up musical instruments," she says.

Cradling her cuppa, Gardner continues. "I'm teaching myself to play the church organ now,

hoping to get a paying gig. It's so much fun; I'm really enjoying myself. Did you know there's a whole keyboard to play with your feet? It's like tap dancing on a piano!"

Gardner frequently performs as piano accompanist at community events. Currently she is also accompanying six students in the Prince George's County Solo and Ensemble Festival, as well as the rehearsals of Our Town at MAD, NASA's music and drama club. Full disclosure: husband Jon is the director and daughter Rebecca has a bit part. Simultaneously she is doing the costumes for Our Town and Chris Cherry's Winter Youth Musical, featuring son David and daughter Elizabeth.

"The family dinner has gone by the wayside," Gardner laughs.

### Computer Work

Computer skills is another area of self-taught expertise for Gardner. Long before computer science was offered as a college major, Gardner's first job after university was teaching computer skills. "I taught myself first; I wrote my own resume to get the job," she says. She then developed and delivered training courses. "When Windows came, I had to learn 'mouse,' then teach students how to use it."

Improbably perhaps, but certainly appropriately, Gardner met her future husband on the dance floor. "Jon was studying in England on a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Durham. I love dancing. I belonged to a traditional English Morris Dance

group. Jon asked his landlady where he could socialize and . . ."

"Not exactly Fred and Ginger, but . . .?" I interspersed. "Well . . .," beaming, shrugging.

Anne and Jon married in 1995 and moved to College Park, where she did freelance computer training in Washington, D.C., while he joined NASA. "He works on the James Webb Space Telescope," she said.

"What brought you to Greenbelt?"

"We socialized here, used the swimming pool . . ."

"You mean The Aquatic Center?"

"Exactly. [Crisply.] Finally we asked ourselves, 'Why not move here?' We spend so much time here anyway."

After moving onto Northway in Greenbelt, Gardner claims, "We met more people here in one week than we did in College Park, B.C."

"B.C.?"

"Before Children."

### Spare Time?

Feeling foolish, I ask Gardner what she does with her spare time.

"I read . . ."

"Dostoyevsky in Russian?"

"No Dostoyevsky, but good light reading. Right now I'm enjoying Dorothy Sucher's two murder mysteries: Dead Men Don't Give Seminars and Dead Men Don't Get Married. "Excellent."

"And I'm a goddess on Saturday mornings."

"Um . . . how is that?"

"I join other Greenbelt women at the New Chicago Dance Studio on Greenway Center Drive where Samantha Fitschen [the director] has created a goddess class," Gardner explains, laughing. "It's a mixture of jazz, ballet, Latin dance, belly dance . . . She gets us out of our comfort zone. We even did a show with our own choreography!"

"How do you volunteer so much of your time?"

"I see so many other women in more difficult circumstances than I – single mothers, women with breast cancer, with children who are learning disabled or challenged – who manage to volunteer, so I have no excuse not to. Young people should volunteer, too. There's great satisfaction in it."

"What gives you the most satisfaction?"

"Music and motherhood," says this very down-to-earth goddess.

## Enhancing A Garden With the Right Tree

On Thursday, March 27 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., the U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) invites the public to a free lecture, "The Right Tree for Everyone: Selecting Trees for Urban Landscapes." The speaker will be Alex Torres, USBG education technician.

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## Assault

March 6, 10:30 a.m., 7601 Hanover Parkway. An 18-year-old and a 15-year-old from Greenbelt were arrested for 2nd degree assault as a result of a fight at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. A warrant was obtained to charge the 18-year-old with assault; the youth was released to parents pending action by the school board and juvenile justice system.

## DWI/DUI Arrest

March 8, 1:57 a.m., Southway and 295. A 31-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol and other traffic-related offenses as a result of a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

## Trespass Arrest

March 7, 1:15 a.m., 6460 Capitol Drive. A 44-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with trespassing due to refusing to leave TGI Friday's restaurant after being told to leave by management.

March 10, 12:25 p.m., 5800 Cherrywood Lane. A 21-year-old nonresident was found inside a vacant apartment; he was arrested and charged with trespassing and was released on citations pending trial.

## Commercial Burglary

March 7, 12:45 p.m., 151 Centerway. A television was taken from a basement storage area of the Meli Melo restaurant. A witness observed a suspect place

the television in the trunk of a vehicle described as a dark blue Buick before fleeing the scene.

## Burglary

March 11, 10:17 a.m., 5800 Cherrywood Lane. An 18-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with burglary and trespass after being found hiding in a vacant apartment by officers responding to a violent disturbance call. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Attempted Burglary

March 12, 3:05 p.m., 9100 Springhill Drive. A woman inside her living room noticed someone attempting to enter the residence by prying on a window screen. The suspect fled the scene on foot after seeing the victim.

## Vandalism

March 6, 3 p.m., 7800 Hanover Parkway. The kitchen window of a residence was broken by an unknown person using unknown means.

March 12, 9:09 a.m., 6000 Springhill Drive. The bedroom window of a residence was broken by unknown persons.

## Automotive Crime

March 9, 6100 Breezewood Drive. Officers responding to a report of a vehicle fire discovered that the vehicle had been stolen from Glen Burnie. No arrests were made.

March 11, 7600 Hanover Parkway. Two tires were taken off a vehicle.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

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Greenbelt Center, 8 percent; and other areas, 2 percent.

### Other Statistics

The 31,526 calls for police service in 2013 were 7 percent fewer than in 2012. The 206 additional premise checks made in 2013 represented a 7 percent increase. There was a 4 percent increase in police reports prepared. At 9,332, traffic stops by police officers were down 14 percent from numbers in the previous year.

The numbers of police arrests in 2013 were also down. The 796 criminal arrests were 14 percent less than for 2012. Juvenile arrests, at 112, were down 32 percent. The 234 arrests for driving while under the influence of alcohol were 7 percent fewer than in 2013, while other traffic arrests at 720 were down 22 percent.

Also down from the previous year, by 13 percent, were traffic tickets (excluding speed and traffic light camera citations). Other decreases were: parking tickets, 23 percent; repair orders, 14 percent; and warning tickets, 21 percent. However, the 7,778 traffic tickets issued by police officers pales in comparison to the 8,142 speed citations and 5,304 red light traffic signal violations cited as a result of cameras used by the city.

For these latter citations, no comparisons are available from prior years, since the speed camera enforcement program was initiated only in November 2012.

As to the decline in activity levels reflected in these statistics, Craze said it may, in part, reflect the crime rate. More likely, however, he said, retirements within the department may have caused a fluctuation in the numbers of officers available for duty.

Craze also spoke of an unusual number of injuries, as well. A combination of nine officer positions are currently unavailable for duty, which puts a damper on activity levels, he said.

### Traffic Accidents

The occurrence of traffic acci-

dents is beyond the department's control to change, except for the hope that traffic enforcement might have a preventive effect. Traffic accidents were up by five in 2013 as compared to 2012, for a total of 1,045. However, there were no traffic fatalities this year, nor were any reported on city roads, excluding the Beltway and Parkway, during the previous year. But at 114, there were 14 more personal injuries resulting from traffic accidents than in 2012. In contrast, accidents with property damage only were down by six from 2012, at 931.

For those who want to put the pedal to the metal, by all means avoid northbound Cherrywood Lane in the 5900 block, where owners of 5,154 vehicles received speed camera citations. That was almost two out of every three city speed camera citations issued among the six locations monitored. One wonders how many of these represented drivers heading to the Metro station who were late for work.

Another 1,662 motorists were photographed speeding on northbound Mandan Road in the 7700 block. In the center area of Greenbelt, motorists should watch out for speed increases as they go downhill on Crescent Road near Northway, where there is a camera to catch speeders. That location generated 658 citations.

The red light camera photographing the most violators during 2013 was located in the westbound lanes of Greenbelt Road at Cherrywood Lane. The 2,039 citations resulting from that camera constituted 38 percent of all red light camera citations issued by the city.

The camera recording signal violators on the eastbound lanes of Greenbelt Road at Mandan Road generated the second largest number of citations, at 944. The red light camera placed at the signal for northbound traffic on Kenilworth Avenue at the southbound I-95 exit ramp placed third in the city, with 782 citations issued.

## A Commentary by Chief James Craze

"The crime rate in Greenbelt is at the lowest in ages, certainly going back well into the early 90s and beyond. In fact, we've had a 45 percent decrease since 2002 alone. Most locations throughout the country are also experiencing a two-decade decline in violent crime – a surprise, given conventional thinking that crime would go up during economically challenging times. That has not been the case, however.

"Some credit may be due to advances in technology, such as the instantaneous availability of crime information between all levels of law enforcement and the prolific use of video cameras and license plate readers.

"Other reasons are surprising, at least to me. Researchers have found that since more people are at home (retirees and the unemployed), more people are around to report suspicious activities. Youths and young adults – those more apt to be involved as victims or as perpetrators of crime – are spending more time at home using computers and playing video games.

"Other social scientists mention that changing neighborhoods have done away with the impersonal dense housing projects typical of inner-city construction.

"Declining cocaine consumption, responsible for gang warfare, violent crime and murder rates in the early 1990s, has also had some effect, as may have been the passage of Roe v. Wade, meaning fewer unwanted children thus at risk for criminality. This suggestion comes from Stanford Law Professor John J. Donohue.

"Other research notes that more criminals appear to be pursuing identity theft-related crimes, reducing the danger of being caught and at the same time allowing bigger pay offs.

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## Democratic Club Talk And Movie Sundays

Yvette Lewis, Maryland's Democratic Party Chair, will speak at the Greenbriar Community Building this Sunday, March 23 at 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, the event is titled "Where is the party now?"

Lewis will talk about what she sees happening in the June 24 primary with respect to the gubernatorial, state delegation, and congressional races. How the national political scene may have an impact in Maryland may also be a topic on the table.

When taking on the responsibility three years ago of party chair, her political history was based on years of knocking on doors, making phone calls and organizing campaign efforts. "I don't see politics as politics. I see politics as community service. I see it as a way of helping to better my community. That's just a vehicle to use to get people involved," Lewis said. "If you want to effect change, you do have to be out there, you do have to work. You can't just sit at home and just wish and hope that things will happen."

The following Sunday, March 30 at 2 p.m. at the New Deal Café, the Democratic Club, in collaboration with Reel and Meal, will sponsor a showing and discussion of Robert Reich's recent film, "Inequality for All." Many are concerned about the growing inequality between the wealthy and the balance of Americans.

## Messenger Scientist At Owens Center

The March 27 meeting of the Astronomical Society will feature a presentation by Mark (Indy) Kochte of the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory. A graduate of Ohio State University, Indy has worked at the Space Telescope Science Institute doing acquisition, processing, and archiving of data from the Hubble Space Telescope. He is currently a Payload Operations Specialist on the Messenger Mission team. The Messenger probe was first to orbit Mercury, the solar system's innermost planet. In the three years of its orbital mission, the probe has fully mapped Mercury's surface. Its instruments have yielded much new data about the formation and evolution of Mercury.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Howard B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road, Lanham (adjacent to DuVal High School). All are welcome. There is no charge.

## Free Lecture On Breast Cancer

On Wednesday, March 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. a free lecture on breast cancer will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Greenbelt. The lecture, sponsored by 21st Century Oncology of Maryland will be presented by Dr. Denise Gooch, a board certified radiation oncologist, in the Dogwood Room.

A light buffet will be provided. RSVP to Bill Wall at 301-974-1333 or email at [WWall@RTSX.com](mailto:WWall@RTSX.com).

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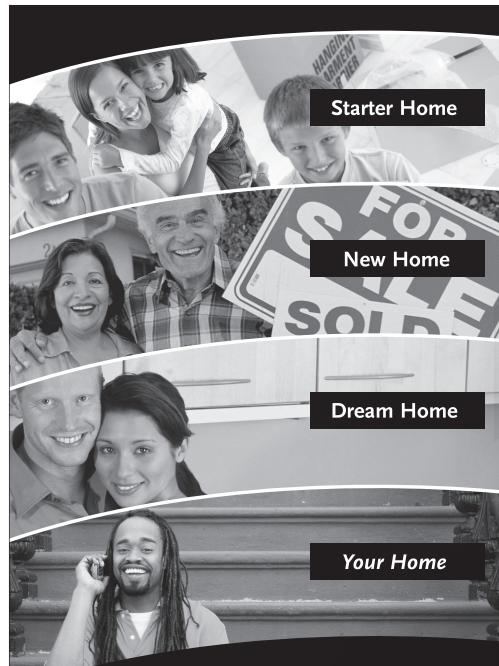
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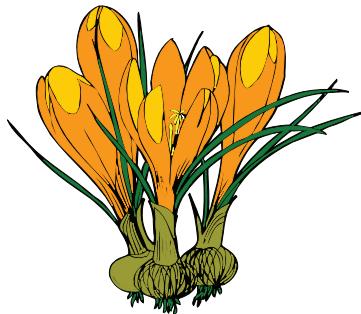
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**Honeymoon Cottage** - Rare single-story home, completely remodeled throughout. Ceramic tile in kitchen and bathroom. Large deck.

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**Townhome near Roosevelt Center** - 2 BR Townhome with large kitchen and granite counters. Refinished hardwood flooring. Priced to sell at \$93,900

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**Brick Townhome With Addition** - Very close to Roosevelt Center. Extra full bath on first floor. Large front and back yards; deck, too! Very Nice!

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**Block Townhome - Attached Garage** - 2 bedroom remodeled GHI home. Remodeled throughout - hardwood flooring on lower level. Very nice!

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**Large Corner Lot** - 2 bedroom GHI townhome with shade trees, privacy hedges and spacious storage shed. Just steps away from Roosevelt Center.

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**Walk To Roosevelt Center** - 2 BR block w/downstairs study. Remodeled kitchen. Silestone counters, s/s oven and refrigerator. Very modern; you'll love it!

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**1 Bedroom Upper Level Home** - Attic storage space. New tub surround in bathroom. Full-sized washer and dryer in spacious laundry room. \$64,900

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**Block Townhome With Addition** - Rear addition, sunroom and office space. Large rear deck, link and ceramic tiles. Close to Roosevelt Center.

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**2 Bedroom Townhome** - Corner lot tucked away in a quiet court. New appliances. Oak hardwood flooring on both levels. Priced to sell at \$71,000

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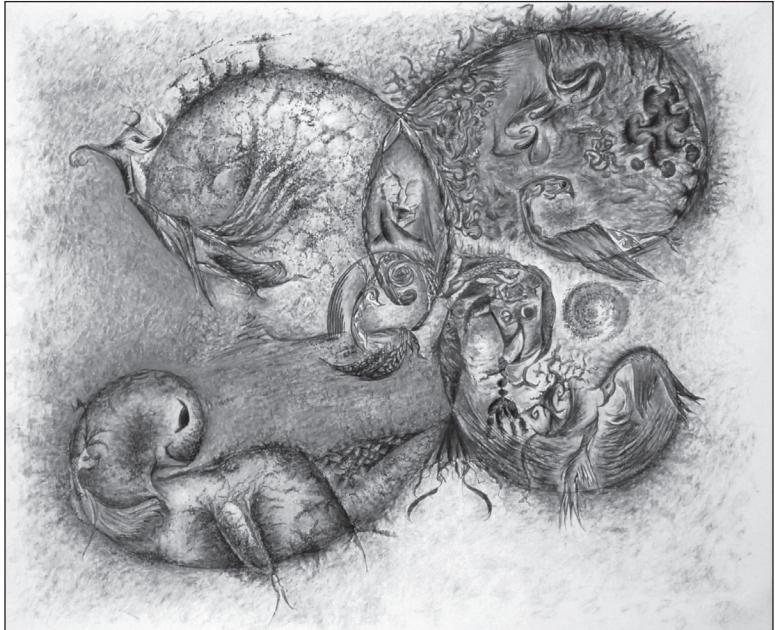
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Another snowfall blanketed the area early this week, the 18th separate snow this winter.

## Jenny Chau's Art Shown At the New Deal Café



Jenny Chau will show her artwork in the back room of the New Deal Café during March and April. There will be a public reception for this exhibit on Sunday, March 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. The New Deal Café art program is sponsored by Friends of New Deal Café Arts.

Producing art reveals and releases a part of the artist that cannot be expressed otherwise. Jenny Chau has been creating and experimenting with art since 1998. Chau has not had formal advanced studies or training in art beyond high school studio courses. She has continued out of the sheer enjoyment that the hours and months of working on a piece has brought. She applies various wet and dry mediums to canvas to illustrate dark matters - thoughts and emotions that invoke depth of thought in those who view her work. Pencil and ink on paper has been her focus for years dabbling in acrylics, water colors and oils along the way. The precision afforded by the sharpened point of a pencil or pen on a dry surface allows her to sculpt creative ideas into intricate artwork. Salvador Dali remains her favorite artist, with extreme abstractionism and dream world concepts in his work. It is the perfect blend of

detailed abstractionism with color, curves and oddities she feels portrays her own style.

Staying true to precision, she has transitioned to the use of colored pencils, oil pastels and chalk pastels along with ink. She continues to produce abstract compositions spawned out of disjointed concepts in her mind. Chau rarely creates drafts or experiments with an idea before progressing it through to completion. She commits and just lets things fly. It is as with any artist: explaining how and when one creates work is an impossibility. The only certain thing is that when a piece is finished, she knows that it is finished. It is this freedom and mystery which art affords that motivates her to continue the pursuit of that next bright idea.

Chau's exhibition at the New Deal Café, which began March 4, is all about medium partitions - ink+ink, colored pencil+ink and pastel+chalk. The pieces fall into one of those three medium types and provide a good representation of where she has been and where she will go with her art. Doodles, for example, is a color pencil and ink piece Chau recently finished, that started with four swirling lines and ended in an explosion of color, intrigue and what-ifs.

## A Poetry Moment Reception

In celebration of National Poetry Month, a reception is being held at the New Deal Café on Sunday, April 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. Many of the poets whose works have been displayed at Poetry Moment in the past year will read some of their poems, including Merrill Leffler, Poet Laureate of Takoma Park.

The afternoon will include an open microphone session for participants to read their own poems or other poems that inspire them. The event will be accompanied by acoustic guitar music by Matt Arbach. The event is free and open to the public.

Poetry Moment is a permanent box that is affixed to a pole outside the Café. Six poems have been on view throughout the year. Poetry Moment and this year's reception are sponsored by Friends of the New Deal Café Arts with support from the City of Greenbelt.

### Submit A Poem

Submission to Poetry Moment is open and ongoing. Residents of Greenbelt, the state and the greater Washington, D.C. area are invited to submit up to three original poems by email to [cafepoetrymoment@gmail.com](mailto:cafepoetrymoment@gmail.com).



Participants in the Poetry Moment Reception 2013 are from left to right bottom John Drago, Betty A. Gooden, Barbara Stevens and Konrad Herling. On the top are Barbara Young, J Davis, John Hayes, Jim Link and Rob Soley.

## Botanic Garden Goes Bananas

Sunday, March 22 from 10:30 a.m. to noon, the U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) will present a lecture, Bananas: Botany, History, Agriculture and Future, by Todd Brethauer, USBG science education volunteer.

This lecture is free and pre-registration is required. Visit [www.usbg.gov](http://www.usbg.gov) to register.

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